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SUBJ: CONTINUED GOI RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN PRESS

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1. NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT BILL BORDERS ADVISES  
EMBASSY HE HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO MEA AT 1800 LOCAL TIME  
BY PRESS SPOKESMAN A.N. D. HAKSAR.

2. ON TUESDAY BORDERS WAS ASKED TO SIGN THE GOI  
PLEDGE TO ABIDE BY THE NEW GUIDELINES FOR FOREIGN  
PRESS REPORTING. THE DOCUMENT WAS RETURNED UNSIGNED  
WITH A COPY OF TIMES MANAGING EDITOR A.. ROSENTHAL  
STATEMENT ISSUED IN NEW YORK SAYING THE PAPER AND ITS  
CORRESPONDENT COULD NOT AGREE TO THE GUIDELINES.

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3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT THE BRITISH BROADCASTING

CORPORATION HAS DECIDED VOLUNTARILY TO WITHDRAW ITS  
NEW DELHI CORRESPONDENT.

4. THE MOVE IS EXPLAINED IN A PRESS STATEMENT,  
EMBARGOED UNTIL 0100 LOCAL TIME JULY 24TH, WHICH  
READS: QUOTE THE BBC IS WITHDRAWING  
ITS CORRESPON-  
DENT IN NEW DELHI MARK TULLY. A BBC SPOKESMAN IN  
LONDON SAID THAT MR TULLY LIKE OTHER FOREIGN COR-  
RESPONDENTS, HAD BEEN ASKED TO SIGN AN UNDERTAKING  
TO COMPLY WITH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S LATEST CENSOR-  
SHIP GUIDELINES. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BBC  
CONSIDERED THE GUIDELINES TO BE SO SEVERE AS TO BE  
UNACCEPTABLE. THEY CLAIMED THAT THE GUIDELINES  
PLACED SUCH LIMITATIONS ON REPORTING THAT THE  
CORRESPONDENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO PRESENT A FAIR  
AND AUTHENTIC PICTURE OF EVENTS IN INDIA. UNQUOTE.

5. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH THE UK  
HICOM WHETHER THE IDEA OF "VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL"  
CAME FROM GOI OR BBC. HOWEVER, BASED ON THE VOICING  
OF THIS SAME THEME TO ACTING PAO GILMORE EARLIER  
TODAY BY PRESS SPOKESMAN HAKSAR, (SEE SEPTTEL) IT IS  
LOGICAL TO ASSUME THE GOI WILL ATTEMPT THIS PLOY IN  
DEALING WITH NEW YORK TIMES THIS EVENING. CORRES-  
PONDENT BORDERS SAYS HE FEELS IT IS UNLIKELY THE  
TIMES WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A SOLUTION BUT WOULD PREFER  
THE MORE "HONEST" ACTION OF EXPULSION.

6. AP HAS BEEN AVOIDING HAKSAR'S REQUEST FOR A  
MEETING. BUREAU CHIEF MYRON BELKIND, WHO HAS AS  
YET NOT SIGNED A PLEDGE, IS CONSIDERING MEETING  
WITH HAKSAR THIS EVENING.  
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